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HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations.

The **Eastern Woodlands Office** (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over \$90 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

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Eastern Woodlands Region



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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Aho! Boozhoo! Greetings! March is just about here which presages a change to daylight savings time on March 8th and the official beginning of spring, March 21st. Lent has begun which means that Fish Frys (or Boils) are also on the menu especially on Fridays in the upper Midwest. What makes this spring especially promising is that I have been busy signing **FY 2015 award letters** to all of our IHBG recipients, so you should expect those shortly, if you haven't already gotten them by the time this greeting reaches you. In nearly ten years as a director I can't recall a single instance of getting an IHBG award letter this early. While I would like to claim credit for this turn around, it all depends on when Congress acts. The good news is that once you sign and return your IHBG grant and certify your environmental, you can begin drawing down your grant. So if your award letter goes directly to the Tribal Chairman and not the TDHE, let them know it's coming so there will be no delay in getting the necessary approvals. Speaking from experience, I know that internally there might be several levels of review from you legal department, environmental department, accounting etc. so it is incumbent on the recipient to expedite the processing of the grant through your internal processes to gain access to your IHBG grant as soon as practical. ➡

GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

Despite the coldest winter day to date, Eastern Woodlands held our Tribal HUD VASH Listening Session on time and with some 8-10 tribes participating. Nearly all participants appeared telephonically or by internet. Our office facilitated by explaining the current program, why it has not been available to Tribes/TDHEs and key factors of the Appropriations that has made the demonstration program possible. The comments and questions of the attendees were noted and forwarded to National ONAP office where they will be combined with submitted comments from the other ONAP regions. These will be considered by the program design team that includes representatives from HUD, VA, and the IHS. Although we had few concrete facts to share at this early stage, I appreciate the insightful comments and advice given by the participants. With a deadline of 2015 for the structure of the program to be published in the Federal Register, we are looking forward to a successful demonstration program that illustrates the need for Native Veteran Supportive Housing in Indian Country.

I would also like to mention that some Tribes may be getting a new Grants Evaluation specialist to review your APR reports and audits. The three new staff, who were introduced in previous editions of our Bulletin, are now able to service Tribes. Being short staffed has been taxing for our GE division. This rebalancing of the workload will ensure that Tribes will have GE Specialists that have sufficient time to adequately review your submissions.

On to March Madness...Good Luck to your favorite team.

Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)

Bronson Koenig, Ho-Chunk
Tribal member, Point Guard for
5th Ranked UW Badgers
Photo by Reed Southmayd



INDIAN COUNTRY



NCAI Joins Generation Indigenous- In an February 24th announcement at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council Winter Session, the White House invited Tribal leaders to join the Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) challenge. Earlier this month, the White House launched the Gen-I challenge, an initiative focused on building a bright future for Native youth. Existing elements of the Gen-I challenge include the recently launched Cabinet officials' Native Youth Listening Tour and a steering committee of Native youth to plan the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering. The White House is inviting Tribal leaders to take concrete steps to engage with Native youth in their communities including: working with or creating a youth council; hosting a joint meeting between youth and Tribal leaders; or partnering with youth to plan a program to support positive change in their community.

The following Tribes have already accepted the Gen-I challenge:

- Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Gila River Indian Community
- Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Three Affiliated Tribes

To join the Tribal Leaders Challenge, [click here](#).



NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

HUD Notice Released— Transition to 2CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Final Guidance. This changes requirements under OMB Circular A-133. These new requirements will effect reporting on all ONAP funds. Contact your [Grants Evaluation Specialist](#) with questions. To read the notice, [click here](#).

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

VASH UPDATE: EWONAP held a Tribal HUD VASH listening session February 19, 2015. The collected comments were forwarded to ONAP Headquarters. One key factor, pointed out by Mark Montano, Executive Director for Keweenaw Bay housing, was the importance of having an MOU in place between the VA and IHS at local Tribal health facilities. For more information, [click here](#). Tribal health clinics interested in entering into a Reimbursement Agreement with VA for serving veterans should send an email to tribal.agreements@va.gov. To read the full passage from the 2015 Appropriations Bill (pages 603-604), [click here](#).



The American Indian Center of Chicago (AICC) hosted a Winter Traditional Powwow in Lisle, IL February 7th, 2015. EWONAP staff Mary & Gentri White and Rebecca Halloran were on hand to answer questions about the [HUD Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage](#).

The AICC is the oldest urban Indian Center and recently celebrated it's 50 year anniversary. From [the AICC website](#): "The American Indian Center of Chicago was organized in 1953 by the Chicago Indian community, with an important assist from the American Friends Service Committee, in response to a flood of the first people of

this country from reservations throughout North America. The Indian Relocation Act of the '50s, operated in concert with a policy of selective termination of Tribal status, was a concerted attempt to break up the reservation system. Chicago was the only one of the five original relocation cities without a large in-state reservation. As a result, Native people from tribes throughout the country, arrived in Chicago. In addition to the Oneida, Ojibwa, Menominee, Sac and Fox, and Potawatomi of the north woods, Lakota, Navajo, Blackfoot, Papago, and many others were represented. The result was (and is) a multi-tribal community (including members of more than 50 tribes) searching for a common social and cultural ground.



Implementation of the Relocation Program sent thousands of Natives to the city, where they quickly began to find life difficult and challenging in an unfamiliar environment. In important ways, it has served as a model for the many urban centers and other social service and educational organizations that have arisen throughout the country. In addition, AIC has provided a beginning space for many Native American programs in the Chicago area. Throughout its history, AIC has been the principal cultural resource for Indian Chicago. It has been a gathering place for hundreds of natives on a regular basis. The Center has hosted powwows, potlucks, bingo, birthdays, special celebrations, wakes, commemorative dinners and countless special events. When Chicago's Indians need to get together, this is where they come." <http://aic-chicago.org/>

The AICC's successful programs include an after school educational program, a food bank, a thrift store and annual Powwows.

To see a video about the AICC, [click here](#).



EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS, CONTINUED

EWONAP Staff visit Poarch Band of Creek Indians— The week of February 23rd, Grants Evaluation Specialists Andre Gaither and Mario Lindsey conducted a monitoring review at Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Atmore, Alabama. They came back with pictures of some of the Poarch Band's accomplishments. Excerpts are from this [press release](#).



The Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility— This progressive Elders housing project brings together seniors, their families and community members. The design includes four Assisted Living homes, an entrance canopy, courtyards, dining, a coffee shop, business center, quilting room and resident laundry. There are 24 one-bedroom apartments, 8 two-bedroom apartments and two guest rooms. The complex also serves elders who live nearby with a 100 seat dining room and recreational and entertainment venues. The architectural concept was inspired by Creek Tribal heritage and elements found in nature. The structure is comprised of rough-hewn timbers with vaulted, exposed wood decking, and stone. A large fireplace provides the focal point for the complex. The housing and commons spaces are surrounded by courtyards that provide a protected environment. They include

landscaping features such as gardens, walks, seating, and gathering areas with a fountain and fire pit.

Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic- The Tribal Health Clinic for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is a two-story building that will provide health services to Tribal Members and employees. The building is designed around a central, two-story atrium which serves as a large common area. Stone and wood construction and natural light helps create a warm, welcoming environment. Services to be provided: Diabetes Program, Women-Infant-Children Program (WIC), Women's Health, Primary Care Clinic including Specialty Care, Dental Clinic, Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory, Rehabilitation Services (Physical Therapy), Behavioral Health, Facility Management, Preventive Health Education and Public Health Nursing, Health Administration, Business Office and Health Information Management. The building will also accommodate Tribal Member Benefits and Family Services. There will more than 200 parking spaces for visitors, patients and staff as well as a covered drive for pedestrian loading and unloading at main entrance.



The Tribe leveraged ICDBG funds for the buildings above. Below are some new construction homes built with IHBG funds.



Please share your Tribe's accomplishments with us at EWONAP!

Send press releases and pictures to Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Native CDFIs (NLC) Webinar	March 3 2 pm to 3 pm EST	Native Community Development Financial Institutions provide financial resources and training programs aimed at tribal community development. This interactive webinar will teach participants about how to work with CDFIs, where CDFIs fit in the overall funding landscape, and how to create their own CDFI. The objective of the webinar is to introduce participants to the basics of CDFIs, identify key Native CDFIs that are active in different regions and how participants can take advantage of resources provided by CDFIs. To register, click here .
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program Compliance (NLC) Webinar	March 4, 2 pm to 3 pm EST	This course will provide an overview of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program as well as detailed procedures and requirements needed to ensure operational compliance. Discussion will include a comparison of LIHTC and NAHASDA compliance requirements. To register, click here .
Doing Business with the Federal Government (SBA)	March 4, Webinar 1-4pm MST	Learn how to sell your goods and services to the Federal Government. This seminar teaches small businesses about federal government contracting programs. Seminar will include discussion about government contracting, 8(a) certification, Hubzone program, WOSB/EDWOSB info. & more! FREE event. To Register, click here . Join the meeting by clicking Here . Dial in: 888-858-2144; Access Code: 8417445
Sources of Capital for Tribal Governments and NGOs (NLC) Webinar	March 5, 2 pm to 3 pm EST	Participants will learn about sources of capital, both private and public, available for Tribal governments and NGOs. The webinar covers financial definitions, incremental steps to capital raising, tips for working with banks / lenders, and creditworthiness. To register, click here .
National RES – Reservation Economic Summit	March 9-12 Las Vegas, NV	National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development hosts this annual event featuring unparalleled access to respected Tribal leaders, members of congress, federal agency representatives, state & local elected officials & top executives on a national platform. Visit http://res.ncaied.org/
Planning for Succession Webinar	March 10 2 pm to 3 pm EST	As senior managers leave the Tribal workforce, their vast knowledge doesn't have to leave with them. Learn how succession plans can help ensure the knowledge of operations, culture, and other aspects are passed on to employees and minimize the risk of service interruption. To register, click here .
Financial Management (HUD ONAP)	March 11-13, Charlotte, NC	FREE training for Tribal housing directors, staff, board members, and others regarding important aspects of financial management and federal grant reporting requirements. To register, click here .
NIHB Tribal Public Health Summit	April 7-9 Palm Springs, CA	6th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit: <i>Strengthening the Circle: Building the Skills of the Tribal Public Health Workforce</i> . For more information, click here .
Minnesota Indian Business Alliance Buy Indian Workshop	March 31 & April 1st, St. Paul, MN (2 sessions)	This workshop is a “must” for American Indian business owners, tribal enterprises, tribal economic development staff, tribal CDFI's, SBDC's serving Indian business and tribal leadership. Learn how the Buy Indian Act can impact your business, how to register your business and make your presence known. For more information click here . To register, click here .

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
Tribal Economic Development Outlook Conference (CAIED)	April 9, Flagstaff, AZ	How will the Tribal economy do this year? What will impact your bottom line? What does the Tribal economic future look like? The 2015 Tribal Economic Outlook Conference will preview the conditions that will impact business, the economy, and your wallet in the year ahead. Hear what the experts are predicting for 2015 at the Tribal, state & local level. To register, click HERE .
Board Members and Tribal Officers Roles and Responsibilities under NAHASDA (HUD/ONAP)	April 15-17, Providence, RI	Most organizations are required to have a governing Board of Directors or Board of Commissioners along with regulations that require accountability to their stakeholders; therefore, understanding of roles and responsibilities is imperative for the success of the Tribal Housing Department or TDHE. This 2.5 day training session will give attendees an overview of what is entrusted and expected of them and discuss the development of capacity building and much more. For the full agenda, click here . To Register, click here .
Construction in Indian Country National Conference	April 20-22 Scottsdale, AZ	This National Conference attracts Tribal leaders, development professionals, and experienced practitioners and educators working together to design and construct sustainable projects in Indian Country. It aims to educate tribes and industry by providing various informative workshops about the realities and opportunities, concerning construction in Indian country. For more information, visit http://ciic.construction.asu.edu/ Click to REGISTER . Questions? Contact Connie Gutierrez at connie@mcsourse.net or call 480-990-1887.
Lead Renovation and Integrated Pest Management Healthy Homes Training	April 21-22, Cass Lake, MN	Held at Leech Lake Tribal College, this two-day course is tailored for renovators, housing managers and staff of care facilities and residences and is being made available to attendees through an EPA Region 5 grant. The goal is to reach the broadest possible tribal housing employees and students at the community colleges to address their needs in making health and safety a part of their everyday lives. For more information or to register, call 701-777-0384.
Lead Renovation and Integrated Pest Management Healthy Homes Training	April 28-29, Keshena, WI	Held at the College of Menominee, this two-day course is tailored for renovators, housing managers and staff of care facilities and residences and is being made available to attendees through an EPA Region 5 grant. The goal is to reach the broadest possible tribal housing employees and students at the community colleges to address their needs in making health and safety a part of their everyday lives. For more information or to register, call 701-777-0384.
NAIHC Annual Convention	May 12-14, Scottsdale, AZ	NAIHC's most longstanding annual event, the Annual Convention & Trade Show is an opportunity to learn about Indian housing, attend training courses, and network with successful housing professionals as well as vendors from across the country and partake in the amenities of the chosen locality. For more information, click here .

TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTF):	May 19-21, Battle Creek, MI	The purpose of the NTF is to provide environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, funding, and technical topics in air quality. The NTF is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), made possible by funding from US EPA and sponsorships from the entities listed below. For more information and to register, click here .
Tribal Financial Manager Certificate Program (ASU & NAFOA)	May 19-21 Tempe, AZ	The ASU American Indian Policy Institute's (AIPI) & Native American Finance Officers Association's Executive Education program is taught by nationally-recognized Native American Professionals. More Information: http://www.aiapi.clas.asu.edu . Tribal Financial Manager Certificate Program Features: Federal Accounting Standards and Principles, Developing and Using Internal Financial and Program Controls. Compliance with Office of Management and Budgets Circulars A-102, A-87, A-133, Key Tools for Developing and Managing a Budget. Government Fund Accounting Systems, Self Determination and Self-Governance, Financial Compliance and record keeping, Overview of Federal, State and Tribal Taxation affect Tribal Financial Management and Procurement Tools.
Executive Board Training (HUD ONAP)	May 20-22, Amherst, NY	Today's Indian Housing Executive Directors are challenged to develop exceptional management and problem-solving skills for program development while working with governing board members, tenants, community, and housing staff. This 2.5 day session provides a series of best practices as well as an opportunity for skill building that enhances Executive Director performance. For the full agenda, click here . To Register, click here .
2015 Better Buildings Summit (DOE)	May 27-19 Washington DC	This year's Better Buildings Summit is expanding into new sectors and engaging a diverse set of market leaders. During 2 1/2 days, more than 800 Better Buildings partners and stakeholders will participate in sessions and meetings focused on sharing the most successful strategies for achieving energy savings through energy efficiency. Better Buildings Summit selected topics include: (1) How to use data to improve building performance; (2) Emerging trends in state and local energy and climate planning; (3) Best practices in technology deployment and energy savings performance contracting; and (4) New developments in energy efficiency financing. Register now , view a draft agenda , and learn more .
EWONAP Training	June 23-25, Chicago, IL	Save the Date! More info coming soon!
NCAI Mid-Year Conference	June 28 to July 1, 2015 St Paul, MN	Save the Date! For more info, click here .



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REGIONAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Meeting	When & Where	Description
GLIHA Meeting	March 31, Green Bay, WI	Greater Lakes Indian Housing Association Meeting.
USET Tribal Utility Summit	April 7-10, Rock Hill, SC	Hosted by Catawba Indian Nation. For more information, click here . To register, click here .
USET Semi-Annual Meeting	May 18-20, Mashantucket, CT	Save the date! USET Semi-Annual Meeting will be hosted by Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. For more information, visit http://www.usetinc.org/
USET Annual Meeting	Oct. 26-28, Choctaw, MS	Save the Date! USET Annual meeting will be hosted by Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. For more information visit: http://www.usetinc.org

For information about [NAIHC's](#) Leadership Institute Training, [click here](#).

For information about [NAIHC's](#) HUD ONAP Trainings, [click here](#).

For information about [FirstPic's](#) HUD ONAP Training, [click here](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's](#) Trainings, [click here](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's](#) other Resources, [click here](#).

Guides, Resources, and Tools

[EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](#)® is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. For more info, [click here](#).

[DOE Developing and Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country](#): This insightful and widely applicable presentation by Robert Springer of NREL concisely explains project development framework and development common pitfalls. To view, [click here](#).

[National Training and Education Resource](#): Free, online resource for courses on a wide array of subjects from computer skills to development financing. To create a log-in, [click here](#).

[IRS's Indian Tribal Governments](#) office is offering the [Tribal Bonds Financing: The Basics](#) phone forum recording. The 40-minute presentation covers Tribal bonds fundamentals, the benefits of Tribal Economic Development Bonds, and clean renewable energy bonds. You can also [submit questions](#) about the phone forum contents. **ONGOING**

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Guides, Resources, and Tools

Free Online Permaculture Design Course: The [Regenerative Leadership Institute](#) offers a 72+ hour permaculture design on-line course curriculum. Permaculture is a branch of ecological design, ecological engineering, environmental design, construction and integrated water resources management that develops sustainable architecture, regenerative and self-maintained habitat and agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems. Their goal is to take permaculture mainstream, which requires making the knowledge available to people around the world without barriers. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **ONGOING**

New Guide: Advanced Energy Retrofits for Healthcare Facilities: The healthcare sector, including hospitals and outpatient centers, is one of the most energy-intensive market segments. U.S. healthcare facilities spend \$8.8 billion annually on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. To download the guide, [click here](#).

On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool: US EPA has completed its report on residential demolition practices that would be instructive to communities on best practices related to residential demolitions. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. [Download the tool here](#).

HUD's Office of Environment and Energy offers its Environmental Review Resource Pages on the OneCPD Resource Exchange: From the [Environmental Review resource pages](#) grantees can browse guidance, tools, and webinars on complying with environmental laws and authorities when conducting the environmental review, on disaster recovery, environmental impact statements, and upcoming environmental trainings and training materials.

EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance: This guide can be used by anyone who designs, builds, operates or maintains buildings and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. It was developed specifically for professionals who design buildings and produce drawings, specifications and contracts for construction or renovation; professionals who erect buildings from the construction documents; and professionals who operate and maintain buildings, conducting preventive maintenance, inspecting the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and performing maintenance and repairs. To view the guide, [click here](#).

HUDUSER's New Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes. The Guide is a new section of HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research's website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. For the full guide, [click here](#).

FindYouthInfo.gov helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs. Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. To learn more, [click here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

The [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

For the complete list, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and filter under Eligibility.

Source	Deadline	Details and links
Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SAMSHA)	Mar. 2	Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$5,634,000 per year. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for a fiscal year (FY) 2015 Suicide Prevention Resource Center grant. The program is to build national capacity for preventing suicide by providing technical assistance, training, & resources to assist states, tribes, and other organizations and individuals to develop suicide prevention strategies. For more information, click here .
Social & Economic Development Strategies (SEDS)	Mar. 4	US Dept. of Health & Human Services offers grants of \$100,000 to \$400,000 per year for a period of up to 3 years to promote economic & social self-sufficiency in Native American communities. ELIGIBILITY: Indian Tribes & Tribal entities. To read the full RFP, click here .
Sustainable Employment and Economic Development Strategies – SEEDS (HHS)	Mar. 4	The SEEDS initiative promotes job growth and business development in Native communities that are experiencing challenging economic conditions. ANA will pursue four key priorities 1) creation of sustainable employment opportunities; 2) professional training and skill development that increases participants' employability and earning potential; 3) creation and development of small businesses and entrepreneurial activities; and 4) a demonstrated strategy and commitment to keeping the jobs and revenues generated by project activities within the
National Park Service NAGPRA (DOI)	Mar. 11	Section 10 of NAGPRA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Link to Additional Information: http://www.nps.gov/nagpra/grants/index.htm
Beginning Rancher & Farmer Development Program (USDA)	Mar. 13	Program seeks to enhance food security, community development & sustainability by providing beginning farmer & ranchers with the knowledge, skills & tools needed to make informed decisions for their operations, & enhance their sustainability. To read the full RFP, click here .
Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative	Mar. 16	The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), is accepting applications for FY 2015 Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success cooperative agreements. The SPF-PFS program is designed to address underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20 and prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25. For more info., visit Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative
Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program	Open	This program assists nonprofit organizations and individuals or groups of individuals to build Indian women's leadership and capacity in Tribal communities to advocate for systemic change that will enhance the safety of women in an Indian Tribe. For more information, click here .

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Source	Deadline	Details and links
Food Safety Modernization Act Grant (FDA)	Mar. 16	The FDA grant is open to Tribal Stakeholder and Tribal Nations. Grant may be up to \$200,000 per year, for three years. The grant is designed to educate owners and operators of small and medium-size farms; farmers just starting out in business; socially disadvantaged farmers; small food processors; small fruit and vegetable wholesalers; and farms that lack access to food safety training and the new Food Safety Modernization Act. For more info, click here or contact Thor Thomsen at 920.915.2192 or via email at thor@throughpoint.net
Social Innovation Fund	Mar. 17 Notice of Intent by Feb. 20	Approximately \$40 million is available for new grants to eligible grant making institutions or partnerships seeking to grow innovative, evidence-based solutions to challenges facing low-income communities nationwide. Awards will be made to programs aligning with one of our three focus areas: Youth Development, Economic Opportunity, and Healthy Futures. Recipients will be awarded between \$1 million and \$10 million annually and will match every federal dollar of the grant award. At least 80 % of awarded federal funds must be invested in sub-recipient programs. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to submit a Notice of Intent by February 20. To learn more, visit the 2015 Notice of Funding Availability page. You can also review the 2015 NOFA fact sheet , or review Our Model to learn about how our program works.
Community Food Projects program (USDA)	Mar. 17	USDA NIFA is funding the grants through the Community Food Projects program (CFP) to provide the opportunity for low-income communities to become more self-reliant and take control of their own food systems. Projects are funded from \$10,000 to \$300,000 and up to 36 months. All grants require a dollar-for-dollar match in resources. Please see the request for applications for specific program requirements. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill and www.nifa.usda.gov .
Drug-Free Communities Support Program	Mar. 18	Drug-Free Communities Support Program . Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$125,000 per year. Program was created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-20). The DFC Support Program has two goals: Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors. For more information, click here .
NPS Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes (Tribal Heritage Grants)	Mar. 20	The National Park Service is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2015 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations (Tribal Heritage Grants). Please review the guidelines and instructions provided and your application and proposal <i>carefully</i> before submission. Approximately \$250,000 will be available for awards. For more info., visit http://www.nps.gov/thpo/tribal-heritage/application.html

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Source	Deadline	Details and links
Request for Proposals for Native Agriculture & Food Systems Initiative (NAFSI) Grants	Mar. 25	First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) is now accepting proposals for its Native Agriculture & Food Systems Initiative (NAFSI). First Nations plans to distribute up to eight grant awards averaging \$26,000 to support projects that address food-system control, food insecurity and food deserts, with an emphasis on serving Native American children and families. To begin an application, click here . Applicants can participate in one or both calls. The first call will be held on March 4, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. MST. The second call will be held on March 10, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. MST. The call-in number for both calls is: 1-877-427-7602 . The Conference Code is 7315891721. Direct questions to Marsha Whiting at (303) 774-7836 or at mwhiting@firstnations.org
ANA Native Asset Building Initiative	Mar. 25	This initiative supports innovative asset-building projects, which feature IDAs, financial education, and related services, to enable low-income Native American individuals and families to acquire long-term assets and improve their economic status. NABI also seeks understand how IDAs and related services enable individuals and families to become and remain more financially stable over the long term. This knowledge will be used to further promote and enhance asset development strategies within Native American communities, and to help identify how community-based training and supports work towards achieving asset development goals for individuals. To read the full NOFA, click here .
The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation 2015 Artist Fellowship	April 6	The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian arts and cultures. To apply for the 2015 Artist Fellowship, click here .
Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives	April 30	<i>Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Enabling New Scholarship through Increasing Access to Unique Materials</i> is a national competition administered by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) for digitizing collections of rare and unique content in cultural memory institutions. The application process has two phases. The initial proposal round is open, and anyone interested in applying for a grant. The final proposal round is by invitation only. For more information, click here .
EPA Indian Environmental General Assistance Program	May 8	Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized tribal governments and eligible intertribal consortia. The EPA is seeking grant proposals for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) for FY 2016 work plan program development activities. The goal of the GAP is to assist tribes in developing the capacity to plan and establish environmental protection programs and to develop and implement solid and hazardous waste programs. For more information, see the funding opportunity description .
FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (DOI/NPS)	May 15	DOI's National Park Service program to provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historical preservation by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning, and technical assistance. To assist THPOs in carrying out responsibilities as stated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended through 2006. For more info, click here .
Veterans Cemetery Grants, VA	July 1	This U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs program assists in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used to establish, expand or improve Veterans cemeteries. For the NOFA, click here .

The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage specifically

designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehab, the purchase of an existing home, or for refinancing.

Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of December 2014, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 27,000 loans, almost \$4.5 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.



Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,000 loans have been made bringing \$463 million in private capital directly to Tribal Members. Tribes and TDHEs can also use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Lower monthly fees than standard PMI
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, Refi or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For a list of Approved 184 Lenders, [click here](#). For a map of eligible states and counties, [click here](#).



HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program-

Title VI loans enable [Indian Housing Block Grant](#) recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG 'Need' funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#).

For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Rebecca Halloran, at Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov or 312.913.8626.

Here are some examples of how regional Tribes have utilized Title VI:

MOWA Choctaw HA	Construction of 12-15 lease to purchase homes.
Iswa Development Corp.	Construction of 65 Single Family homes, 25 cottages and 30 multifamily units.
Aroostook Band of Micmac	Construction of 17 units in two communities.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction funding for 28 rental homes and the community center, leveraging LIHTCs.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction of 9 units of low income rentals. Leveraged USDA, ARRA and private grants.
White Earth Reservation HA	Refinancing of 3 different loans used to fund equity in 2 LIHTC projects.
Lac Courte Oreilles HA	Construction of 20 multifamily units.
Ho-Chunk Housing & CDA	Construction of 36 units of multifamily housing, including 4 units of transitional housing.
Red Lake Reservation HA	Construction of 45 units of homeownership units.
Lumbee Tribe	Construction of 50 unit LIHTC project for Elders.

USEFUL LINKS

HUD ONAP CodeTalk website	Grants.gov
EWONAP website	Federal Register Today
HUD Indian Housing Block Grant	White House Native Americans Resources Page
HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant	DOT Tribal Transportation Program
HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee	Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Task Force
HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee	Asset Building for Native Communities
HUD Healthy Homes	Center for American Indian Economic Development
HUD ROSS Grant	Native American Contractors Association
HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing	National Congress of American Indians
HUD PIH Environmental Resources	National American Indian Housing Council
HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs	DOE Tribal Energy Program
HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program	DOE Weatherization Grants
HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program	DOE Federal Energy Management Program
DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives	EPA Tribal Grants
USDA Rural Development Grants	Small Business Administration Loans
Army Corp of Engineers Tribal Resources	CDFI Native American Initiatives
VA Native Health Services	VA Native American Direct Loan
Economic Development Administration	BIA Housing Improvement Program
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